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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Greetings to you as we celebrate and are thankful to God for His manifold blessings in our lives. God has been so good to our family and ministry; it is only because of His tender mercies we are able to continue in the work of the ministry.

I would like to begin by sharing some very important news with you regarding the changes happening in India. In my previous newsletter, I shared updates regarding the ministry during my journeys in India. The government was formulating the "Anti-Conversion Law" to be activated in India. This basically means that it will now be a federal offense for anyone to change their faith to Christianity or to any other minority faith in India. We recently received an update to this new bill: One of the aspects of this law is that pastors and members of churches, non-profit christian organizations, Bible Colleges and other religious "Christian" organizations are asked to testify under oath and tell the government that they personally were not converted from Hinduism to Christianity; and that they have not been involved in converting people of other faiths into Christianity. This is a very serious development, and one that has shaken the faith of many of our believers. We have known something like this was in the making for quite some time during our previous church planting meetings. We would discuss the possibilities of what the government could do; but it was taken quite casually until now. Though many of these details are yet to be formally released by the government to ministries, such as ours, it is clear that persecution is inevitable. My family in India, friends whom we have been working with for years, are in great risk. We are resolved to be faithful and true to the Lord. May these events open greater opportunities for the Gospel to be preached throughout the land where millions upon millions have never heard the Gospel (not even one time in their life). It is a compelling duty for us to press on as God leads.

One of the most disappointing incidents, during my stay in India, was that during the pastors conference, I brought up a very important social issue in the local churches that needed to be addressed - that is, the CAST SYSTEM. While I was teaching on this subject, many pastors were offended and simply walked out of the conference because of their unwillingness to heed God's message on this very issue. Their argument was, "It may work in America but not here!". It appears as though the "Hindu culture" is even taking solid root in local New Testament Baptist Churches across India and is not being addressed. On the other hand, there were many who came to personally speak with me after the conference, and felt they needed to confess this prejudice before Almighty God, and ensure there will be a serious commitment to change their hearts and the hearts of their congregations on this issue. God is so pleased when we are humble and choose to do what is right before Him and He will work in ways that the minds of men cannot comprehend. I am deeply thankful for our men and their families, even in the face of opposition, they are willing to stand up for the Word and Testimony of Jesus Christ. Many of these men have never been taught on these simple yet profound "issues of culture" that can change the course of their ministries - these issues are divisive and destructive attitudes toward people whom the Lord has saved. The Word of God is able to change the hearts of people who have believed in Hinduism, a doctrine of the devil, for centuries. I am thankful to have the privilege to preach and teach in these church plants and training programs through our local church in Bangalore.

Though opposition is significant, our desire to take the gospel to the Lost is a constant burden. In the recent weeks we were once again given the opportunity to take our medical camp ministry into a Prison that we previously endeavored to reach. Though it is illegal to take the Gospel message, a few "Good Officers" who too desire to learn about the God of the Bible granted our church permission to come and conduct the medical camp for the inmates as well as distribute bibles and present the gospel to these men. If the officer's snores came to find out that such an activity took place then those who granted us permission can be in trouble. All these events are a true reminder of what the apostle Paul encountered through out his ministry in the book of Acts. One of the biggest blessings in all this is that we are permitted to provide spiritual counseling to the inmates on a regular basis.

One of the goals with our current Indian government is to ensure that the entire land of India will become a Hindu Land by 2021. I am seeing things already setting the stage for unspeakable things to happen in a country which the World believes to be the largest democracy; and yet, I believe along with my fellow believers in India that this government is exercising principles of Communism in the guise of Democracy. I will be sharing some very exciting details as we work to expand various aspects of our ministry for God's glory in India.